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Susan Hedman, Regional Administrator
US EPA Region 5
Ralph Metcalfe Federal Building
77 West Jackson Blvd
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

Dear Dr. Hedman,

The attached letter is from fifty-nine diverse organizations from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan requesting that the EPA conduct a Cumulative Effects Assessment of the impacts of sulfide mining activities in the Lake Superior Basin. I urge the EPA to use the resources provided by Congress to conduct such an assessment and clearly inform citizens of the generational consequences of sulfide mining to impacted ecosystems, human health and the basin's tremendous water resource.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Betty McCollum
Member of Congress

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